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COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c)

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Accordingly, applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that small entity status was established in good faith at the time of filing the subject application, and was later discovered to be in error. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c)(2), a check for the deficiency payment in the amount of \$673.00 is enclosed. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c)(2)(ii), an itemization of the amount of the deficiency payment follows:

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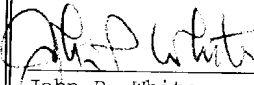
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$673.00 deficiency payment, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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